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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TONGSUN PARK AFFAIR: JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED

1. AT 0930, DECEMBER 31, 1977, AT THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE WE BOTH SIGNED THE JOINT STATEMENT CONCERNING TONGSUN PARK. I RECEIVED ORIGINALS OF THE TWO LETTERS FROM TONGSUN PARK AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I INITIALLED THE MPAA. AT THE TIME OF SIGNING I READ STATEMENT AS INSTRUCTED, STATING AGREEMENT NOT BINDING ON CONGRESS.

2. DURING COURSE OF MEETING I AGAIN EXPRESSED MY APOLOGIES TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE DELAY IN SIGNING. I THANKED HIM AND HIS GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR FULL COOPERATION IN CONCLUDING THIS DIFFICULT NEGOTIATION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER RECIPROCATED THESE SENTIMENTS AND SAID WITH EMOTION THAT WE WOULD NOT WANT EVER AGAIN TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF MATTER INTRUDE ON THE FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I ALSO EXPRESSED MY PERSONAL GRATIFICATION AT THE NEWS OF THE RELEASE OF THE REMAINING MYONGDONG DEFENDANTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KIM TAE JUNG.

3. HAPPY NEW YEAR AND MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT.
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